(Nos. 246 to 263).

CHITALDRUG DISTRICT.

Mr. Anantha Padmanabha Thivari.—The privilege of returning a member to the Representative Assembly may be granted to the Hiriyur Municipal Council

Dewan.—The matter will be examined.

SUBJECT No. 246.

Grant of the privilege to the Hiriyur Municipal Council of deputing a member to the Representative Assembly.

Mr. Anantha Padmanabha Thivari, Hiriyur Taluk.

Mr. Shanmukhappa.—There are about 100 poor families in the Holalkere town who have no lands to cultivate. For their benefit an extent of 500 acres of land out of the Gunderi Amrut Mahal kaval reserve area which borders on the southern side of Holalkere Town and is situated to the east of the Huliyur road and where no grass is likely to grow, may be secured from that department and granted to them for cultivation.

Dewan.—A committee has been appointed consisting of the Revenue Commissioner, the Director of Agriculture and the Superintendent, Amrut Mahal Department, to consider the question of further surrender of kaval lands. The Deputy Commissioner will also be included. This will be considered by the committee and, if possible, the request will be granted.

SUBJECT No. 247.

Grant of land for cultivation out of the Gunderi Amrut Mahal kaval.

Mr. Shanmukhappa, Holalkere Taluk.

Mr. Mallappa.—There is an extent of 465 acres of cultivable land in the Amrut Mahal kavals near Iyanhalli village. As the whole of the above area is situated amidst cultivated lands of S. Hanumanahalli, Kadur and Iyanahalli, there is no possibility of its being utilised for grazing purposes by the Amrut Mahal Department. Orders may be passed throwing it open for cultivation.

(*Vide* Reply to the previous Subject.)

SUBJECT No. 248.

Grant of land for cultivation out of the Amrut Mahal kavals near Iyanhalli village.

Mr. Nadiga Mallappa, Holalkere Taluk.

Mr. Shanmukhappa.—The Holalkere taluk contains a large agricultural population. Some of the raiyats have been using improved ploughs and have been adopting improved methods of cultivation. The lands of this taluk are well suited for the cultivation of sugar-cane, potatoes, fruits, etc. The raiyats are in need of a teacher trained in agriculture who can give them instruction in the scientific methods of cultivation, storing of manure, etc.

Dewan.—Under the scheme in the Educational Memorandum, all middle schools in important centres will have a course of study in agriculture.

SUBJECT No. 249.

Posting of an agricultural teacher to the A.-V. School at Holalkere taluk.

Mr. Shanmukhappa, Holalkere Taluk.

Mr. Mallappa.—About 1,000 acres of land belonging to the depopulated villages, *viz.*, Chowdenahalli and Tyagadahalli, have been included in the Nirthadi State Forest. There is no valuable timber or other forest produce within this area, and the Forest Department is not deriving any profit by its inclusion in the State Forest. If it is released from the forest reserve and thrown open for

SUBJECT No. 250.

Grant of lands in the Chowdenhalli and Tyagadahalli villages for cultivation.

Mr. Mallappa, Holalkere Taluk.

cultivation, there are a good many people willing to take it up for cultivation and also build houses on the old village sites. The petitions presented to this effect during the last four or five years have had no effect. This question may therefore be considered.

Dewan.—When I went to Holalkere, I received a petition. It has been referred to the Conservator of Forests. It is under his scrutiny. The matter will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 251.

Conversion of the Harihar Sub-Taluk into a Taluk.

Mr. Santaveerappa, Harihar Municipality.

Mr. Santaveerappa.— Harihar was once the head quarters of a taluk which was abolished in the year 1874. As it is an important Railway Station, a place of pilgrimage, and also a big town bordering on British Territory, its reconstitution into a taluk is a matter of pressing necessity. As the abolition of the Kumsi Sub-Taluk is under contemplation of Government, the conversion of Harihar into a taluk may be easily effected by the regrouping of the taluks of the Shimoga District and retransferring to Harihar the villages bordering on Honnali and Davangere Taluks which formerly belonged to it. By its reconstitution into a *pucca* taluk, the town of Harihar is sure to grow in importance and prosperity.

Dewan :—Under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 252.

Continuance of payment of annual maintenance charges to Harihar water works by the District Board.

Mr. Santaveerappa, Harihar Municipality.

Mr. Santaveerappa.—In connection with the maintenance of the Harihar town water supply scheme, the Chitaldrug District Board were contributing Rs. 1,625 annually. They have now resolved to discontinue the payment of the same. The Harihar town municipality is too poor to find funds for the maintenance of water works solely by itself. The municipality is not in a position to borrow from Government for the purpose as it is not able to repay the debt. As the engine, boiler and other apparatus of Harihar town water supply project have not been in working order owing to wear and tear, water is now being supplied to the town through the pumping plant of Davangere town water supply scheme. The Davangere municipality have notified to the effect that they cannot afford to supply water to the Harihar town through their plants any further. As the town of Harihar is likely to suffer much for want of supply of water, Government may be pleased to order the continuance of the contribution of the annual maintenance charges of Rs. 1,625 by the District Board to the Harihar Municipality. The present condition of the water supply project and the help required for its continuance have been brought to the notice of the Second Member of Council during his recent tour to Harihar.

Dewan :—The matter will be enquired into.

SUBJECT No. 253.

The holding of elementary classes in the A.-V. School at Harihar both in the morning and afternoon.

Mr. Santaveerappa, Harihar Municipality.

Mr. Santaveerappa :—The compulsory education scheme is in force in the town of Harihar. Under the scheme, if parents fail to send their boys to school they will be liable to punishment. Having this restriction in view it is surprising to learn that the elementary classes for boys are held only in the morning for the last ten months. On enquiry as to why the classes are not held in the afternoon as well, it was intimated by the educational authorities that for want of room in the A.-V. School